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MEASURING DEVICE USING)
OSCILLATING DEVICE, IMAGE)
FORMING APPARATUS, AND)
ELECTRIC POTENTIAL)
MEASURING METHOD) October 31, 2005

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0042907
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 3,852,667
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,205,267
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,720,682

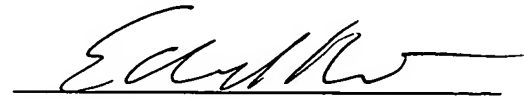
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,763,078
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,835,461
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,212,451
- (8) DE 34 10 527
- (9) EP 1 234 799
- (10) JP 2-71166

Documents (1), (3), and (6) to (9), were cited during prosecution of the PCT application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report dated July 8, 2004 was filed in the present application on June 27, 2005, and is believed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for document (8). A copy of document (10), together with a complete English language translation thereof, is enclosed; therefore, no concise explanation of relevance is required. See MPEP § 609.04(a).

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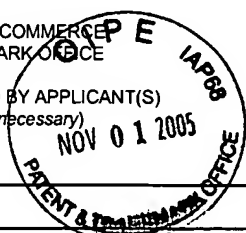
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